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1. PANAM STATION MANAGER JOHANNESBURG REPORTS THAT PANAM HAS NEVER RPT NEVER HAD OFFICE IN RHODESIA.

2. UNTIL JUNE 27, 1974 PANAM WROTE TICKETS ON AIR RHODESIA (MORE THAN 1,000 PER MONTH) BUT WAS ORDERED BY HEAD OFFICE PANAM TO CEASE EFFECTIVE THAT DATE. APPROXIMATELY 45,000 U.S. TOURISTS VISIT RHODESIA EACH YEAR AND PANAM TICKETED ABOUT ONE-THIRD. THROUGH AGREEMENT WITH AIR RHODESIA, PANAM DEFERRED PAYMENT TO AIR RHODESIA WITH 6 PERCENT ANNUM INTEREST CHARGED. LOCAL PANAM MANAGER SAYS SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OWED TO AIR RHODESIA BUT PANAM HAS NOT FOUND LEGAL MEANS TO ACHIEVE PAYMENT. ALSO ACCORDING TO LOCAL PANAM STATION MANAGER, UNDER OLD HERTZ FRANCHISE WITH UNITED TOURS OF RHODESIA, HERTZ NAME STILL BEING USED IN RHODESIA, BUT HERTZ, REPORTED TO HAVE BROKEN ALL CONNECTION WITH RHODESIAN UNITED TOURS. LOCAL HERTZ ORGANIZATION IS FRANCHISE ONLY AND CANNOT SPEAK FOR HERTZ USA.
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3. AVIS RENT-A-CAR IN SOUTH AFRICA REPORT BY LOCAL MANAGEMENT TO BE JOINT VENTURE WITH U.S. AVIS ORGANIZATION. RHODESIAN AVIS IS REPORTED BY LOCAL AVIS GROUP TO BE A LICENSEE OF AVIS RENT-A-CAR OF SOUTH AFRICA. MANAGEMENT OF BUDGET RENT-A-CAR OF SOUTH AFRICA REPORTS THAT THEY ARE ONLY FRANCHISE HOLDER BUT BUDGET RENT-A-CAR OF RHODESIA OWNED BY SAME OWNERS AS BUDGET RENT-A-CAR OF SOUTH AFRICA.
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